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SUBJECT: CONTACTS BETWEEN SIERRA LEONE AND GUINEA OVER ANGOLA

1. SUMMARY: HIGH LEVEL GOG DELEGATION VISITED SL JANUARY 19 TO URGE GOSL TO CHANGE POSITION AND RECOGNIZE MPLA GOVERNMENT. GOSL DELEGATION TO RECIPROCATATE VISIT JANUARY 23. GOG BEHAVIOR RELATED TO VISIT HAS ANGERED GOSL, BUT EXCHANGE MAY BE CAUSING SECOND THOUGHTS IN GOSL ON SUBSTANCE OF ISSUE. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT STEVENS TOLD ME JANUARY 22 THAT GOSL HAD RECEIVED URGENT MESSAGE SATURDAY, JANUARY 17 SAYING THAT PRESIDENT TOURE WANTED TO SEND HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATION TO FREETOWN ON FOLLOWING DAY TO DISCUSS ANGOLA. STEVENS HAD INFORMED TOURE THAT HE WISHED TO REST ON SUNDAY AS USUAL AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, HE AND GOSL WERE TIRED AFTER RECENT STATE VISIT OF PRINCESS ASHRAF OF IRAN. FURTHERMORE, GOSL POSITION WELL KNOWN AND GOSL NOT INTERESTED IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GOG ON ANGOLA.

3. AFTER RECEIVING STEVENS' RESPONSE, TOURE HAD
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SENT MESSAGE SUNDAY STATING THAT GOG DELEGATION

WOULD BE ARRIVING FOLLOWING DAY. GOSL APPARENTLY NEVER RECEIVED MESSAGE, AND WHEN GOG DELEGATION HEADED BY PRIME MINISTER BEAUVOGUI ARRIVED LUNGI AIRPORT MONDAY MORNING NO GOSL OFFICIAL WAS PRESENT TO MEET THEM. WHEN STEVENS WAS NOTIFIED OF THEIR ARRIVAL, HE WAS PERTURBED THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE ARRIVED AT ALL. NEVERTHELESS HE ARRANGED FOR GOSL PRIME MINISTER KAMARA-TYALOR AND OTHERS TO MEET BEAUVOGUI AND THE FIVE MINISTERS WHO ACCOMPANIED HIM.

4. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH STEVENS, GOG DELEGATION MADE IMPASSIONED PLEA THAT GOSL NOT RPT NOT BE LEFT BEHIND IN WIDESPREAD AFRICAN RUSH TO THE SIDE OF MPLA. GOSL WAS BACKING A DEAD HORSE AND MIGHT SUFFER (IN SOME UNEXPLAINED WAY) BY CONTINUING THAT COURSE OF ACTION. STEVENS REITERATED GOSL SUPPORT FOR COALITION GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. GOG DELEGATION ISSUED INVITATION FOR STEVENS TO MEET TOURE AT BORDER BEFORE WEEKEND. STEVENS SAID HE WOULD THINK ABOUT IT.

5. GOG DELEGATION THEN LEFT, TAKING WITH THEM SUPPLIES OF FOOD AND CONSUMER ITEMS SOUGHT AFTER BY EVERY GUINEAN WHO VISITS SL. (STEVENS SAID HIS OFFICIALS FEARED THE HELICOPTER WAS TOO PACKED WITH THESE ITEMS TO FLY) LATER THAT AFTERNOON, GOG CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, WHO HAD BEEN IN DELEGATION, RETURNED WITH OFFICIAL COMPLAINT FROM GOG OVER FAILURE OF GOSL TO MEET DELEGATION AT AIRPORT AND GENERAL SHODDY TREATMENT THEY HAD RECEIVED. STEVENS DISMISSED THIS AND BLAMED GOG FOR ENTIRE PROBLEM.

6. SUBSEQUENTLY, STEVENS DECIDED HE HAD NOTHING TO GAIN FROM MEETING TOURE, WHOM HE INCREASINGLY DISLIKES AND BELIEVES TO BE SUPPRESSING WIDESPREAD CRITICISM IN GUINEA. INSTEAD, HE SENDING KAMARA-TAYLOR, WHO REPRESENTED GOSL AT LAST OAU HEADS OF STATE MEETING, AND FONMIN MINAH. BOTH SPENT NIGHT OF JANUARY 22 AT KAMBIA NEAR BORDER AND WILL TRAVEL BY ROAD INTO GUINEA TO MEET TOURE JANUARY 23.

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7. REGARDLESS OF ATMOSPHERICS, GOG PRESSURE IS PART OF EVOLVING PICTURE HERE THAT GOSL MAY BE REASSESSING ITS ANGOLAN POSITION. HOW JANUARY 23 MEETING TRANSPIRES MAY BE IMPORTANT.
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